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1. MINISTRY INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE OFFICIAL
(LATIMER) WHO ATTENDED PUERTO RICO SUMMIT HAS COMMENTED
TO EMBOFF THAT PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU SEEMED TO THINK
SUMMIT WAS VERY WORTHWHILE FROM CANADA'S POINT OF VIEW AND
WAS SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME. TRUDEAU APPARENTLY WAS IMPRESSED
BY DEGREE OF INFORMALITY. ONLY CRITICISM WAS THAT
STRINGENT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS POSED SOMEWHAT OF A
PROBLEM BETWEEN MINISTERS AND THEIR OFFICIALS.

2. ACCORDING TO LATIMER, THERE WERE NO GREAT SURPRISES
FOR CANADIANS. CANADA FOUND THAT TACKLING TRADE
ISSUES HEAD-ON WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF RIGID POSITION
OF EC WHICH HE SAID "HAD LOTS OF INHIBITIONS AND MUST
BE APPROACHED INDIRECTLY."

3. DURING HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD JUNE 29,
TRUDEAU REPLIED AS FOLLOWS AS TO WHAT WOULD BE THE
IMPACT OF THE TALKS ON CANADIAN DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE
POLICIES: "NO DECISION WHICH COULD AFFECT THE
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DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION OF ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING

CANADA, WAS TAKEN. WE EXCHANGED VISS, STATISTICS
AND DATA WHICH ENABLED THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED TO TRY
DEVELOPING A COMMON KNOWLEDGE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AND
FREEDOM PROBLEMS IN GENERAL." IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION
ON THIRD WORLD AID HE REPLIED: "THERE WAS A RATHER LENGTHY
DISCUSSION ON AID PROJECTS FOR THE THIRD WORLD.
EACH COUNTRY PARTICIPATED IN THIS DISCUSSION. THE
CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ALSO
SPOKE AT LENGTH AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE ON
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WHICH IS BEING HELD IN
PARIS, BUT THERE WERE NO PRECISE COMMITMENTS MADE BY ANY
LEADER OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS. OF COURSE
CANADA HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN ENCOURAGING MEMBER
COUNTRIES TO HELP THIRD WORLD NATIONS."

4. MEDIA TREATMENT OF SUMMIT REPORTED REFTEL.
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